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MEMORANDUM FOR ADJUTANTS GENERAL OF ALL STATES, PUERTO
RICO, THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM, AND THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SUBJECT: (All States Log Number P96 - 0017) Travel and
Incapacitation Payment for Persian Gulf War Health Evaluations

1. References:

a. All States Log Number #P94-0038, Subject: Operation
Desert Shield/Storm Mystery Illness, dated 29 June 1994.

b. All States Log Number P95-0035, Subject: Travel and
Incapacitation Payment for Persian Gulf War Health Evaluations

2. This memorandum is an update of the information contained in
reference 1b above.

3. Army National Guard personnel who served in the Gulf War are
encouraged to enroll in the Veterans Administration (VA) Gulf War
Registry, and be included under the Comprehensive Clinical
Evaluation Program, for medical problems related to this period
of service. Soldiers should register with the VA by phoning the
following Toll Free Number 1-800-796-9699. Individuals should
have their DD Form 214 available to respond to the Registry
agent's questions.

4. Soldiers enrolled are authorized reimbursement for travel to
and from the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) for appointments
scheduled through the states and territories Health Systems
Specialist (HSS). These individuals will be authorized
Incapacitation pay for the periods of actual medical evaluation,
minus any earned income from other sources for the same period.
Funds for the above will be provided by the USP&FO from the State
Incapacitation Pay Account.

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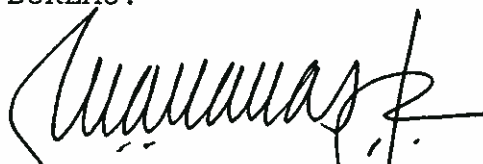
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5. Individuals needing further evaluation as determined by the VA registry initial screening, should complete an informal Line of Duty (LOD) DA Form 2173 in coordination with the HSS and their unit with State approval. This LOD will become the basis for Incapacitation pay disbursement while undergoing further evaluation.

6. Soldiers will be on orders, however will not receive regular pay, nor be entitled to retirement points (Order Format 445). Incapacitation pay will be authorized only for the period the soldier is actually undergoing evaluation at the MTF plus travel time to and from. If a definitive medical diagnosis is produced as result of the evaluation and the formal LOD finding is Line of Duty, the soldier may be eligible for additional periods of Incapacitation pay. Eligibility will be determined by the State Incapacitation Review Board on a case-by-case basis. Soldiers may be recommended for review by the Physical Evaluation Board for possible medical separation from the service based on the outcome of the evaluation.

7. This memorandum expires 1 October 1996 unless superseded or rescinded earlier. The point of contact is LTC John Reynolds, Compensation Determination Branch, commercial (703) 607-9196 or DSN 327-9196.

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